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It's runoff time in Boone. Last month, incumbent Dempsey Wilcox lost his council seat to planning board member Liz Aycock by 4 votes. Wilcox requested a revote. Today's proceedings in Boone are costly, however, Board of Elections director Jane Hodges says.

"It is from an election fund that we have set up and the town of Boone will recoup all the costs that we have. This is actually going to cost the town of Boone."

It will cost the town of Boone an estimated \$10,000 Hodges says- but runoffs are not exactly uncommon in the High Country.

While Aycock and Wilcox have very different opinions on the issues: there's one thing they agree on today.

"I'm excited and I'm ready for it to be over. It's been a long journey," Aycock says.

"I'll be relieved when this is all over. It's been a long grind," Wilcox says.

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Early on, Aycock aligned herself with so-called progressive candidates Mayor Loretta Clawson and incumbents Bunk Spann and Lynn Mason. Spann lost the election last month and decided not to request a revote.